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AIR FREIGHT UP 9.8% IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 22, 1989--Air freight was up 9.8 percent in January over the same month a year ago for 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association, ATA announced today.

Domestic air freight registered a gain of 5.1 percent. The air transportation of mail decreased 0.1 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, rose 3.9 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers increased 15.2 percent. Mail rose 3.8 percent, and total cargo had a gain of 14.1 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
JANUARY 1989	368,614	107,553	476,167	348,499	35,284	383,783	717,113	859,950
JANUARY 1988	350,636	107,624	458,260	302,445	33,991	336,436	653,081	794,696
PERCENT CHANGE	5.1	(0.1)	3.9	15.2	3.8	14.1	9.8	8.2

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.